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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Yasutaka ITO

Group Art Unit: 3742

Application No.: 09/917,749

Examiner: J. Jeffery

Filed: July 31, 2001

Docket No.: 110575.01

For: CERAMIC HEATER WITH OFFSET ELECTRIC HEATING ELEMENTS IN THE  
THICKNESS DIRECTION (AS AMENDED)

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

In reply to the June 2, 2003 Office Action, the shortened statutory period for response  
having been extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please consider the  
following:

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims; and

**Remarks.**